

## CROKER TURNED A HOSE ON HERO.

Fire Chief Nearly Dashed Brave Policeman from  
Fire-Escape at Downtown Blaze.

Fire Chief Croker this morning turned the hose on the policeman to whose bravery, more than any other thing, Croker owes his elevation to the head of the Fire Department.

It was at a fire in the ramshackle old four-story and basement lodging-house at 197 North street, for which an alarm was rung in at 7.30 o'clock.

Four policemen got there before the firemen. They were S. P. Schaefer and G. S. Evans, of the Sixth Precinct, and Ed J. Hammer and H. Hackmeister, of the Fifth Precinct. They found the whole front of the building enveloped in smoke.

Suddenly a woman's head protruded from the top floor window. "Save us," she shrieked.

The four policemen, Schaefer in the lead, waited for nothing. Lives were in peril. Obeying their first instinct they hustled up the fire-escape, choking in the blinding smoke.

### SAVED A WOMAN.

Schaefer kicked in the window sash when he got to the top and entered, followed by his companions. They found a woman only half conscious stretched out on the floor.

Schaefer took her in one arm, and drawing himself from the fire escape

hundreds by this time, began to mutter ominously and closed in on the group of firemen of which Croker was the centre.

"Hit him with a brick!" yelled a brawny fellow.

"Man him with a stone!" echoed a street Arab.

It looked threatening, and but for other policemen in the street who drew their clubs and forced the mob back it might have gone hard with the Chief.

The excitement was not over when Croker jumped in his wagon to leave

after the fire was out. A volley of yells and execrations followed him.

Foreman Stevin admitted that Croker grabbed the hose away from him to turn it on the policeman.

"They'd no business up there," he said. "It was the only way to get 'em down."

"We're paid to do that sort of thing. A policeman's place is on the ground."

"They always want all the credit. The firemen never get any."

Policeman Schaefer is the man who saved eighteen lives at the Bowery lodging-house fire two years ago in which many lives were lost.

Croker was acting Chief at the time and directed the operations of the firemen.

It is said that Croker got the credit for the rescue made by Policeman Schaefer and that the policeman's heroism at that fire was really responsible for Croker's promotion to be Chief.

It was prominently mentioned in the official report of the fire.

### FIRE INCIDENTS.

Kate Willis, of 226 Adams street, Brooklyn, was the woman carried to the roof by Schaefer. Her husband, Frank Willis, who has only one leg and one arm, stumbled out into the hallway after his wife was carried out and groped his way down to the third floor.

Here the smoke was so thick he just managed to reach a front window, and crawl out on the fire-escape, where he sank down half smothered.

Reviving in the air, he lowered himself down the fire-escape by his one hand, dropping from round to round of the ladder and occasionally resting by winding his one leg around the railing.

He was loudly cheered as he dropped to the street and was caught in the arms of the crowd.

Another woman, who got away before the policeman carried her, was carried down the stairs by the firemen screaming with fright. She was not hurt much, as was evident from the fact that she was able to walk.

The fire started in a little paint store in a basement, kept by a man named Duffy. Young Lewis Pallett, of 1 Rosevelt street, saw the smoke and turned in the alarm.

John Tully, of 603 Water street, was one of the first at the scene. He assisted the four policemen in carrying the Willis woman to safety. Tully has six medals for life-saving.

The fire did little damage. The lodging-house is a fire-trap, and there would have been little occasion for regret if it had been totally destroyed after the occupants were gotten out.

Fourth street, had Lewis Harris, colored, twenty years old, of 55 Talman street, Brooklyn, sent to the Hudson County Jail, Jersey City, today for trying to rob him.

Bugans was riding in a Jersey City trolley car at 2 o'clock this morning, when he felt Harris's hand in a pocket of his trousers.

He seized the hand and held it there until the conductor called a policeman.

Harris tried hard to pull his hand out of the pocket, but failed. He was arrested and taken to the Brooklyn House of Detention.

Harris was charged with the crime of robbing a trolley car.

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## EXCURSION IN WRECK.

500 Men, Women and  
Children Narrowly  
Escaped Death.

NTACK, Sept. 10.—Last night at 7 o'clock a heavily laden Western Ontario excursion train bound south collided with a West Shore freight train at Jones Point.

The freight was trying to get on a siding out of the way, but was too long. The excursion train going forty miles an hour smashed into the rear freight cars.

Several were derailed, while the Western Ontario engine was badly damaged. No one was killed, but a number of passengers were injured.

There were 500 excursionists on the train and a panic ensued.

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